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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2002, Applicant submits the following Response.

***Election of Invention***

In response to the election of invention requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant elects Group II for examination. Applicant considers claims 34-49 to read on elected Group II. Additionally, as indicated in the Office Action, Applicant understands that claims 1-16 are not subject to a restriction requirement and, therefore, claims 1-16 will accordingly be examined with the elected Group II claims.

*Conclusion*

Applicant considers the above election to be fully responsive to the Office Action. Applicant also believes that no fees are due at this time. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

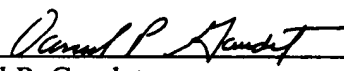
If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

Respectfully submitted,  
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